

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD MINUTES



Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Saturday Meeting January 8, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary, and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. The minutes of the previous meetings were read. In the absence of our treasurer, our vice-president Helen Kavanagh gave the financial report, showing \$269.77 as amount of cash on hand; and a total of 105 Masses for the month of December.

Miss Catalano was thanked for her most outstanding efforts and success in selling the Christmas Cards for the guild. Next, the new prospective members and guests were introduced to the guild.

Father Aloysius then requested of the members that if they wished to contribute old gold and other jewelry to be used in the construction of the Chalice he is saving for, he would be grateful. A lovely diamond ring was then presented to Father by Mrs. Williamson.

Father then mentioned miraculous cancer cures of which he knew, and hopes of further cures for people he knows and for whom he is praying. He asked that we spread devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary and also to St. Anthony Claret.

Father then began his spiritual talk:

My dear Ladies in the Immaculate Heart of Mary: I would like to say a few words on mental prayer. It is our contact with God, in which we become transformed. Actual graces are spiritual helps of God. Develop prayer, so that we attain all we need for ourselves and others. Make this new year of 1955 a year of prayer. Attract the blessings of God on ourselves and our homes.

Father then reminded us that he came to our meetings to help us in any way he could for our spiritual increase, and asked us to feel free to ask him questions, and he would be very happy to answer them for us. The balance of the meeting was therefore devoted to questions and answers.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

Following are some of the questions asked by the members and answers given by Father Aloysius:

When too tired to pray due to necessary and unnecessary activities::

Always ask Our Lord to accept us as we are; that we love Him very much. It is best to avoid unnecessary strain by forcing one's self to pray when not prayers of obligation. God, as Our Loving Father, knows when we are tired and treats us as a mother does her child when the child is tired.

Regarding prayers of obligation for lay people, the family should be aware of prayers at nite and morning and these prayers should be said all together.....they should be simple prayers. Do not complicate them! Also, say grace before and after meals. Make a point to make use of your holy water faunts. Also, when passing a Church, make it a habit and instruct your children in this matter, to bless themselves. In so doing, you show that you are receiving a blessing from Christ in the Tabernacle. Encourage your husbands to do this also (even tho they may be accustomed to the tipping of their hats as they pass a Church) in order that they may overcome their human respect. It is human respect which kills many things in us! Also, it is nice to form the habit of greeting one another with an ejaculation such as "Hail Mary Most Pure, Conceived without sin." This was a practice centuries ago among men, and still is in some countries today.

The devotion most agreeable to Our Blessed Mother: is any devotion which is constant and said well.....from your heart. All prayers said from your heart have always been answered.....as God saw best for you, now or later, whether you know it or not.

Purity of heart means: the heart is free from sin.

Purity of intention means: prayers or actions are said or performed entirely and only for God with no other intention present. If you help a beggar for Christ, that is purity of intention. When you do anything and you know some one will say a good word, a 'thank you' or recognition of any kind from that person, though it is alright, yet it is not with purity of intention or all just for God.

Can your Guardian Angel perform any frayers or other deeds for you::

No; you have to say your own prayers. But an angel may help you in other ways. Be devoted to your guardian angels. The closer you get to God, the more and new angels are given to you. St. Anthony Claret prayed to the angelw and he was guided by them and they were known to transfer him from one place to another. They appeared to him in human forms. He used to invoke the angels of the Cities where he was going, or the angels of the people he was going to visit. Angels help us with holy inspirations. There is always the battle between the holy and bad angels. The Angel Gabriel is the angel of Our Blessed Mother, to all those devoted to her. St. Raphael is the patron of travelers. He once arranged everything for St. Anthony Claret who was going on a trip.

Most of the accidents are caused by the devil.....in order that he may get souls into hell through a sudden death. It is Our Blessed Mother who induces the angels to help us and we should invoke Her and their help at all times.

Send messages through your angels to your dearly departed ones.

From early days, people thought a great deal of the angels.

A spiritual daughter of St. Anthony Claret heard the angelic choir every afternoon at 3. Her guardian angels were visible to her. Invoke

Victoria
the angels and they will come to your assistance immediately.

In the nature of a woman, there is the desire to be thanked. We should therefore realize the importance of being most thankful for our angels' constant help and protection.

Prayer, is the up-lifting of our hearts to God.....our whole being... not only our lips. All the saints in heaven are quite amused by the way in which we all....so differently...pray. They are able, in an instance, to see all or know all we are capable of seeing or knowing in the reading of or knowing the contents of volumes.

Novenas: We do not need definite prayers for novenas. A good and simple practice for novenas is to say 3 Our Fathers to the Blessed Trinity in thanks for all the blessings bestowed on that saint while here on earth and for the glory he or she is now enjoying in heaven.

Nothing is better than a novena of Masses. But, Our Lord also likes one who is thoughtful enough to come at other times, whether just for a visit or to attend other or evening novena devotions. If you are unable to attend a nightly devotion or novena, say the prayers at home and unite oneself in spirit of adoration before all the tabernacles in the world.

Prayers: The saints see in just one look all they need to know from one praying to them. So do not complicate our prayers. Our Lord is Simplicity Itself. All comes to Love.....Perfect Love of God. The greater and closer to God we come, the greater is the simplicity of our prayers.

An imperfection in a person: becomes a virtue when: what might seem to others as an imperfection, would be a virtue of the person if done with the best intentions.....therefore, a virtue of piety on her part.

There are many involuntary imperfections for all of us. We can all be most humble, when we realize that we can not say even one Our Father or Hail Mary without spiritual imperfections. This is God's way of showing us our capacity for perfection.

Feel healthy in our spiritual life. As long as we feel this way, we can pray well. This is agreeable to God. Pray well and always. Make 1955 a year of great happiness because of great holiness.....a year of uninterrupted prayer.

The closing prayers were then said, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Saturday Meeting February 12, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prospective members and guests were introduced. The minutes of the previous Saturday meeting were read. Our president, Maria, mentioned the Tuesday night meetings, which are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30, and what took place at these meetings and asked as many as possible to please attend. She also explained the purpose of the secret bag collection; and we were all urged to join the perpetual Mass league, the aims of this league brought once again to our attention. Also, the aims of our guild were read once again for all the members, and we were urged to refer to them often. The treasurer gave her report, showing the amount of cash on hand to be \$326.30; and a total of 79 Masses for the Month of January. Included in the cash on hand, was the amount of \$48.00 which was turned in by our vice president, Helen, for the sale of Christmas cards.

Maria next mentioned the holy cards which we may all help ourselves to with the purpose of spreading devotion to Our Blessed Mother and St. Anthony Mary Claret. The cards of St. Anthony Claret have a second class relic attached, which degree of relics have brought about many cures.....including the miraculous cures which were accepted in the steps for his canonization.

We were also asked to pray for Helen Perone who was in the hospital with a broken back as results of an accident.

Maria also asked the members to please take more of the linens to be done up for Father and his boys, and she thanked the ladies for their helping with the linens in the past.

Father then began his spiritual talk: in which he proposed the following principals for our Spiritual Life::

1. Make peace with God. Be in sanctifying grace.

This we do by making a very good confession. Follow your confessor's guidance with full obedience. Go if possible, to the same confessor so that he will know who you are. Learn to go with ease, and abide by his decision. Have great sorrow for all past sins -----even the smallest. We must prefer anything rather than a sin. Prefer death, before committing even a venial sin. If we could free all the souls from purgatory or hell itself, by committing one venial sin, we could not committ that sin, because even the smallest sin is most offensive to God.....it goes directly against God. Being mere creatures of God, we could not expect to glorify God in the committing of even the slightest sin against Him, even for the purpose of freeing but one soul! In our spiritual life we become paralyzed if we do not avoid even venial sins most carefully.

2. Endeavor every day to be closer to God. Have greater desire to become holy. Make it an habitual desire, day and night.

Our uppermost thought and desire should be to become holy. The purpose of our creation is to know, love, and serve God in this life. If we accomplish this, we accomplish everything. If not, we

miss the whole point. The inventor of light, Edison, did not believe in God.....he died in darkness!! One so gifted with gifts of nature, secrets of science, was so thick, so dull.....without the knowledge of God!

There are two kinds of holiness: a) the essential....which is a must to be saved; and b) the holiness of perfection. We keep the Commandments and perform the duties of the Church....but we must do more than this to bring souls to God and His Blessed Mother. Be animated with a most eager desire to aspire to holiness. Every day present these three thoughts to yourselves: I can be holier. I must be holier. Therefore, I propose to be holier. Try to advance in your spiritual life, so that many graces will be poured onto the garden of your souls, so there will be more flowers of graces and fruits of Sanctifying grace in your souls. Cooperate with the Divine Gardener! Be determined to become holier.....it will keep you very much alive in Sanctifying grace, and give you such spiritual joy.... your life on earth will become a joyous anticipation of your life in heaven.

3. In all things, see God. In all happenings, events, all contraries of life whether of sadness or distress.

We cannot do anything without God. But we can do all things with God. We have God in heaven; in the Blessed Sacrament on our altars; and we can have Him within us. We are the very heaven of God here on earth! This is called the "uncreative grace" when God is within a soul of Sanctifying grace.

See God in all people....all events....in all things; and seek Him in all circumstances. This is the spirit of Faith. A soul in sanctifying grace....God is within that soul....and there becomes a communication of God's mind to her mind, God's thoughts her thoughts. In this way, God reveals His secrets to us. See God behind the human hand, the human mind, the human crushing. See His Divine Providence in all things. Draw good out of evil. Stay humble.....to draw grace for yourselves, your families, the offenders, and many souls. God is permitting these things for the good of many....so that through your patience, good comes. Develop a great capacity for suffering. As your cross grows heavier, your crown in heaven grows greater and your place in heaven will be higher. See God through all things during these miserable days here on earth. Our passion here on earth will come....our glorious life in heaven to follow. This is not a lasting city

Be passive to the action of God the Holy Spirit upon us! He, to shape out of us, a good copy of the Living Christ. Living copies of the Living Christ! Suffering is given by God to His chosen souls! Prepare yourselves for suffering every day....be happy to suffer.... see God's hand in it! Ask Our Lord not to spare us in the making as He is preparing us to be with Him. Be willing to go through a purgatory of suffering while here on earth.....where this suffering will gain great merits for ourselves and others.....whereas in purgatory hereafter, there is only the cleansing of the soul and no additional merits can be gained either for self or others. Suffering is the short cut to holiness. Bless God....kiss His most merciful hands which appear behind all trials.

4. Direct ourselves unto God with the purest intentions. To please God whole-heartedly.

It is not what we do, but how we do it that counts before God.

As with the beggar....when we see Christ in him, and give him food in God's Name.....your motivation is supreme. All must be great because all is motivated with the greatest love for Almighty God. Ask Our Blessed Mother and all the saints for help. When we are tempted to say or do an unkindness, and instead we say or do something nice for love of God.....then that is done with the purest of intentions. In the spiritual realm, we have the Divine Alchemy when all is transformed with purest love of God. Do not seek recognition or credit for something you have done. When you do not get recognition or credit for something you have done, do not be distressed, as God permits this to cure you of vain glory. Take great care in pleasing God. Be animated with great love for Him in performing commonplace things of everyday life. Please only God....He the One who is so jealous of your love, your intentions, your motives for doing things.

Time running out, Father is to continue his 10 principals for spiritual life at the March meeting. The closing prayers were said, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Secy.

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Tuesday Meeting February 22, 1955

The meeting was held at the home of Ida Phair. Opening prayers to The Holy Ghost were said.

Minutes of the February 12th, Saturday meeting, were read. The treasurer gave her report, showing the amount of \$356.40 amount of cash on hand.

Our president, Maria, then read passages from books, which gave splendid advise for personal sanctification. A few notes of particular interest are as follows:

We should not be afraid to suffer dryness of soul; and if we do not mortify ourselves and act with patience, it may interfere with our spiritual welfare and sanctification.

To live the life of a soul, is heroism. The body and heart may suffer, for they both prefer notice and attention. But the soul, once united to her Divine Guest, the Divine Proprietor, revels in solitude, silence, and self-effacement.

Suffering is the most powerful form of prayer. Endure external afflictions providing God consoles us internally. Conform your will to the Will of God.....there are no other ways of advancing.

Following this, the closing prayers were said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Secy.

Victoria

10 PRINCIPLES PROPOSED FOR OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE

1. Make peace with God. Be in sanctifying grace.
2. Endeavor every day to be closer to God. Have greater desire to become holy. Make it an habitual desire, day and night.
3. In all things, see God. In all happenings, events, all contrarieties of life whether of sadness or distress.
4. Direct ourselves unto God with the purest intentions. To please God whole-heartedly.
5. To approach the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion and attend Holy Mass with such a Faith that we tear aside the veil and see God with our very eyes --- to believe is to see and to believe so strongly that we do see!
6. In all things throughout the day be concerned about God because we are doing the Will of God.
7. Have, always, great joy in our spiritual life. Have unlimited confidence in God.
8. Be conversant all day and night with Our Blessed Mother and the Saints.
9. Have a big heart --- to pardon any offense.
10. To be always most humble ----- even to feel useless and lazy in the house of God.

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Saturday Meeting March 12, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Prospective members and guests attending were introduced. In the absence of our president, Maria, the meeting was conducted by our vice-president, Helen Kavanagh. A post card sent from Germany by Maria, was read to the members of the guild.

It was brought to our attention, that the cost of all the booklets and holy cards and literature put out for our taking, was mounting to a considerable amount; and it was suggested that hereafter a small donation be given now and then when taking these articles, in order to help defray the cost of them.

The minutes of the previous month's meeting were read. The treasurer gave her report showing the amount of \$313.31 cash on hand; and the number of Masses for the month of February to be 119.

At the end of the meeting, we were reminded that the April meeting would fall on Holy Saturday. The meeting date was advanced one week, making it April 2nd, which is also First Saturday.

Father's spiritual talk was a continuation of the Principles for Our Spiritual Life as he had set forth for us in our February meeting:::

5. Approach the sacraments of Confession and Holy Communion, and attend Holy Mass with such a Faith, that we tear aside the veil and see God with our very eyes.....to believe is to see, and to believe so strongly that we do see!

Dear ladies of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild: when you go to Confession, do not see the priest in the confessional....but see Christ Who is there to bathe your souls in the spiritual bath of the Sacrament of the Confessional....with the most precious blood of Christ! St. Catherine of Seina used to picture this each time she went to confession. Picture yourselves at the foot of the Cross just as St. Mary Magdalene stood at the foot of the Cross. Make your confession with the intention of cleansing yourselves thoroughly. Bring with you a desire for cleanliness. Have an ever increasing hatred for sin...even the smallest faults. Change hearts with Christ....ask Him to give you His Heart so that you can hate sin with It.

When you go to confession, make a point of selecting one sin, and aim to correct it during the following week. Make a point of examining your conscience most thoroughly. God is all charity....all love....all mercy! Be most particular in examining your faults against Charity.

(Father then gave a splendid example of a proper confession, with proper purpose of amendment.)

Be very charitable to all, and God is going to bless you....God will reward you. Just because one is in charge of one's home, we must not

say things with unkindness or with the intention of hurting someone. Try to disagree without being disagreeable or without impatience. Try not to shout or raise your voice in the management of your homes....for you, who are striving for holiness....wanting to give the appearance of doing all for your spiritual improvement....and then, through this impatience, you are giving scandal to your neighbors. You should try to imitate the virtues of Our Blessed Mother in your homes....doing the chores she herself had to do....and do them like she did. She loves you so much!

One is bound to have sorrow for all venial sins one confesses. If we confess venial sins and do not have sorrow, our confessing them will be of no avail. Recall Christ's Sorrow, His Crucifixion, before and during your confession, and in this manner you will have true sorrow.

The Mass is the renewal of Mount Calvary...of the Crucifixion. Try to realize the reality that is going to take place at the Mass. We are privileged, as the Blessed Mother was who stood at the foot of the Cross, by being able to attend Holy Mass. From the Offertory on, we must ask the Blessed Mother to give us her dispositions, so that at Communion, we will receive very fervantly.

Close your eyes, and with the eyes of Faith, see Our Lord offering Himself to His Father. Christ Crucified...ready to give His all.

Pray to the Good Thief for graces for yourselves and your families. Be not afraid to speak to Christ...as the Good Thief did. In words of the Good Thief and of Mary Magdalene, speak to Christ with all your confidence. This will sanctify you.

One Holy Mass, properly heard, is sufficient to sanctify one. The heart of a woman is bottomless. Open up your big heart to Christ. You need to do this every morning to prepare yourselves for the day. We can become as overwhelmed with Love of Christ, as St. Mary Magdalene was overwhelmed with His Love. Develop your love for Christ in the Holy Mass. Console Christ for the terrible crimes committed throughout the world..... help to hold back the arm of His Father from punishing the whole world.

Ask the Blessed Mother for her dispositions with which you may receive Christ in Holy Communion....for the dispositions of her humility, her purity and divine love which were hers at the moment of the Incarnation, and when she received Christ in Holy Communion at the hands of St. John. Every Holy Communion is a new Incarnation....because Christ really comes in His Divinity and His Body, which is truly the flesh of the Blessed Mother also. So, we receive God and the Blessed Mother in Holy Communion. Our Blessed Mother received her own body "made divine", when she received her Divine Son in Holy Communion! and when she is with us, Christ comes to her in us, so we receive Christ through her heart!

Through Holy Communion, therefore, we can become more like Our Blessed Mother....think more like her....become more spiritually like her. Let the spirit of the Blessed Mother become our very own. As long as we receive fervant Holy Communions, we need not worry about Hydrogen bombs, etc.,.....as long as there are 10 fervant souls in the City!!

Your heart is an open book. Give Christ your whole soul....give yourselves completely to Him. The least one says....the more still one is.....close your eyes and ears to all else....and place your heart, lost in the vastness, the ocean of His presence....and prepare thus for your day. Everything hits your heart. Therefore, you need Christ all day so that you may endure much. Christ is your supreme, most faithful Lover. Love Him....as His love never fails.....as His beauty never fades.

6. In all things throughout the day, be concerned about God, because we

are doing the Will of God.

The life of Christ, from the first moment of His Incarnation to the very moment of His death, was to see the Will of His Father....to do His Will. "Here I come, O God, to do Thy Will." Words of the psalms of David. The same way, you dear ladies, endowed with Faith, are called to develop piety to an eminent degree. Your willingness should be to accomplish God's Will....behold Him....God Our Father. In all the saints, the gift of piety was increased. Piety.....not in prayer alone....but piously doing all things and everything God wishes of us. Be very alert always...very keen to see the Will of God and most willing to accomplish all things for God. This, is our sole purpose here in this life. Some people who are sick, have a great awareness of the Will of God. They are in perfect accord to His Will. When we are not willing to abide by His Will, we are as bad children of God. We are His creatures....and more, His children of adoption by which we become sharers in His Divine Nature...His very life...and through Communion, we are nourished by Him, so that His soul becomes the soul of our soul. The Holy Trinity is in us. As the saints in heaven are lost in God, we should likewise make the Will of God our very own.

7. Have always great joy in our spiritual life. Have unlimited confidence in God!

We have our Faith. We live our Faith. We are preparing for the everlasting dwelling in heaven with God and His saints. Our joy should be overwhelming at all times in our daily activities....become nearer and dearer to God by trying to do our best in all things. Radiate, always, the greatest joys of God in all things. Your joys should be cloudless.....most beautiful as the blue skies without clouds or shadows. Joy, is one of the fruits of the Holy Spirit. Piety radiates joy....is a product of piety. Piety is willingness to do God's Will. Your confidence in God should be supreme. A little prayer we know and say: "Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place my trust in Thee." Christ wants your full confidence...your trust in Him. Also be quick to call upon Our Blessed Mother, recalling the words: "In thee, O Mother, I have hoped with exceeding trust and I shall never be confounded!" This is the prayer of St. Bonaventure.

For the conclusion of his spiritual talk, Father asked us all to do our best in our spiritual life. Again he reminded us: "You belong to the elite of God...you belong to the inner chamber." May God bless you and bring your holiness to its completion before your death....which will not be a death, but will open the gates of heaven.

With the coming feast of St. Joseph: invoke him often...make him the Protector of your families. And invoke Our Blessed Mother, too.

The mysteries of the Holy Week should be renewed for you...and they are renewed in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass daily. Make a perfect Holy Mass and Holy Communion, and ask Our Blessed Mother to help you to make a perfect Holy Week!

The closing prayers were said, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Saturday Meeting April 2, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary. After prayers, Father Aloysius announced that hereafter the first Saturday of each month would be our meeting date-----a day most appropriate--this her special day--in which we would meet to give her honor--we who are striving to pattern our lives after hers. Father also urged us to spread devotion to her Rosary. He also said that St. Anthony Mary Claret is the St. Dominic of the present day and he gave the Rosary to his sons, the Claretians.

The meeting was conducted by our vice-president, Helen. Ida gave a financial report, showing \$311.15 amount of cash on hand. The minutes of the previous month's meeting were read, and as they were read, Father elaborated on what he had said. Therefore, corrections and additions were made in the contents of his spiritual talk, and they were to be re-typed-----but not necessary to reread at the May 7th meeting.

The closing prayers were said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victim

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild
Saturday Meeting May 7, 1955

Prior to Father's arrival, our vice-president Helen welcomed new members and guests. Then she explained the Mother and Father Day cards; read an invitation to the wedding of Mary Ann Williamson, one of our guild members; and announced that hereafter, immediately after our closing prayers, Father would bless all the religious articles, and after that, he would give his personal blessings. In this way, those who must leave, will be able to do so without waiting for their blessed articles. We were urged to take the novena booklets and to further devotion to it. We were also thanked, in Father's name, for the guild's Easter gift to him of books for the Novitiate. The treasurer, Ida, reported \$333.13 amount of cash on hand and 105 Masses for the month of April. There was no report from the secretary.

Immediately upon Father's arrival, the Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary were recited. Then, Father began his spiritual talk:

Dear ladies of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild:

On this, her day -- the first Saturday -- by Holy Mass and Communion this morning and now gathered here to recite her Rosary -- all this, to atone for the sins of mankind which go against her heart and the heart of Jesus. His heart is her heart also.

Your repeated prayers all said in her honor, are prayers most agreeable to her. She is pleading before the throne of Almighty God as often as you plead to her. This makes you feel secure in this life. Death is our supreme payment for our own sins, and after that payment, we attain life everlasting. Our Blessed Mother, herself, is preparing us for this life. She prepared St. Joseph for a happy death. So too, she will be with us: "now and at the hour of our death". She needs us now --- she extends all these requests to us, and later we will be astonished to discover how so very important they were to her. And she will be with us at the hour of our death more than ever during our lives.

You are all very close to her and all that pertains to her. You are within her very heart --- as you keep what you cherish in a locket, so she keeps you as locked in the golden locket of her Immaculate Heart --- you, her very dear ones.

Father then explained the last three Principles Proposed for our Spiritual Life:

8. Be conversant all day and night with Our Blessed Mother and the Saints.

Practice, all your lifetime, to be conversant with God, Our Blessed Mother, and the Saints. Never be alone. We all dread lonli-

9. Have a big heart --- to pardon any offense.

The heart of a woman is very sensitive. You love your dear ones so much, as wife and mother. When this heart suffers contrarities it can react ... like the beast in the forest reacts towards the hunter ... your heart can be like a queen's, ... but it can also act like a hyena. Watch against this! Imitate Christ. Christ is our Exemplar. Christ allowed Himself to be scourged, tortured, nailed to the cross... to hang on that cross with most excruciating suffering! How did He react to this? He saw the Will of His Father. His Father could not approve of this....but permitted it....and Christ saw the permissive Will of His Father. Christ, barely able to lift His head to His Father, said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." He asked, with all His calmness, all His goodness....begged His Father to forgive His enemies at this very moment of their terrible crimes.

Christ's body was the most exquisite body....most sensitive body. Yet, He went all the way....because it was the Will of His Father.

We have Christ Crucified on the Crucifixes in our homes, and on our Rosary beads; and we must be living crucifixes....each must be crucified...yet we do not accept this, because of the littleness of our hearts.

The prayer of Christ was also the prayer of the heart of His Blessed Mother who stood at His Cross. It should also be our prayer in pardoning our enemies. See that you forget as well as forgive. Be sure of this....as this, too, is a sure sign of your predestination. Never consent to the feelings that come into your hearts against others. Have a big heart to forgive others and God is going to have a big heart for you.

Even the smallest sin is the most abominable thing against God. Let us not be like the ungrateful servant in the Gospels who was forgiven his debt by his master, but failed to pardon those who were indebted to him. Be like Christ....be generous with others as God has been generous with you. Pardon and take great joy in doing so...ask Our Lord to give you great joy in not only pardoning others, but also in praying for them. The best way to go high in prayer and contemplation, is to pardon completely all offenses against you. Our Lord said, "Therefore, if thou art offering thy gift at the altar, and there remember that thy brother has anything against thee, leave thy gift before the altar and go first to be reconciled to thy brother, and then come and offer thy gift. (Matt. 5:23-24)." This means....we must secure our full pardon towards our enemies first....let them see and hear of our pardoning them....then go to Christ for pardon. This is a great way to be Christlike!

10. To be always most humble....even to feel useless and lazy in the house of God.

Humility is the foundation of all virtues....all sanctity. We can do nothing alone and we deserve nothing but punishment. Ask God for more humility. The Saints felt humility from within. They felt most miserable in the sight of God. St. Francis of Assisi felt happy when others talked or did anything against him, because he felt he deserved it! All Saints feel that way. Much more can be said, in truth, against us. After you pardon them, admit to God you are much worse than that and beg His mercy.

Disregard all that others say about you....for you are what

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Saturday Meeting June 4, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Blessed Mother. New members and guests were introduced. It was wonderful having our president, Maria, back with us after her trip to her family and friends in Germany.

An invitation to the Guild was read inviting us to attend the first solemn Mass at noon, June 19th, St. Augustine's Church in Culver City, celebrated by Mrs. Leahy's brother.

The treasurer, Ida, reported \$363.69 cash on hand; and a total of 91 Masses for the month of May.

The minutes of the May Meetings were postponed until the July 2nd meeting, and the meeting was turned over to Maria and the wonderful report of her trip to Germany and all her visits to well known points of devotion.....and which also included her visits to Theresa Neumann. On her whole trip, no misfortune befell her, and it seemed her whole trip was planned for her and she was guided throughout.

After Maria's talk, Father Aloysius reminded us of the great feasts of The Sacred Heart and Corpus Christi which come in June. He also explained to us the White Scapular and then he enrolled each one present in this Scapular....also known as The Immaculate Heart of Mary Scapular.

Following the enrollment, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

TUESDAY MEETING JUNE 21, 1955

The meeting was held at the home of Ida Phair. The opening prayers, Rosary, Litany of Our Blessed Mother, and prayers to St. Anthony Mary Claret were recited. Sixteen members were present. The Treasurer gave a report showing \$459.74 as cash on hand. In the absence of the Secretary, the minutes were taken by the Vice president, Helen Kavanagh.

For the evening's meditation, Maria read passages from the book, "At the School of St. Therese of the Child Jesus". Two outstanding thoughts which were left with the members were: Simplicity is the rule. And, Be as wise as serpents.....as gentle as doves.

Following the closing prayers, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Helen Kavanagh, Vice-pres.

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Saturday Meeting July 2, 1955

The meeting of July 2nd, Feast of the Visitation, was opened as usual with an invocation to the Holy Ghost, recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Blessed Mother for the many and varied intentions of the Guild, especially their sick members.

Several prospective members were introduced to us.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, due to the absence of our secretary, Victoria Wyss. Ida Phair, our treasurer, gave us a financial report, showing a balance of \$464.99. One bill was introduced for repair on a chalice and will be paid.

Our President read a letter of thanks by our spiritual director, Father Aloysius, for the wonderful spiritual gift bouquet which was presented to him on his Feast and Birthday.

She then undertook to explain the Aims and Requisites..... benefits and other opportunities, to all prospective and new members. At this point, Maria turned the meeting over to our spiritual director, Father Aloysius, for his spiritual conference of the day:

Father began this way:::::

Today is the Feast of the Visitation of Our Blessed Mother. Through the Visitation is shown clearly her role of Mediatrix and Co-redemptrix. Every grace comes to us from God through Mary. In order to receive Christ in Holy Communion like St. Elizabeth and St. John, we should ask the Blessed Mother to be present to us at this moment and to give us her disposition which she had during the time of the Incarnation.....especially, her profound humility.

She corresponded always most faithfully with all graces. We should all be so thankful to God for all He has done for us.....we fail so often to respond to His graces. We really don't deserve anything. We must regret our ingratitude constantly!

It is the sweetest thing to follow the example of Jesus always through Mary. Her Heart is the golden sanctuary wherein we can find Christ always.

Our Holy Communions should be as fervant as possible. We cannot do it without the Blessed Mother. Our humility should be the very deepest because we are all so unworthy of receiving Christ! Our desire to receive Christ should be as immense as can be in our limitations. Let our desire for perfection grow with leaps and bounds! Let us keep this mental picture of the Visitation alive in us at every Holy Communion. Our Adoration should be as deep as that of the Saints in heaven!

We picture the Blessed Mother immersed in contemplation in the ocean of God's Love. Let us remain in perpetual thanksgiving and ask the Blessed Mother to continue our thanksgiving. We must be real Christophers.....Christ-bearers like the Blessed Mother.....be saturated with the Spirit of Christ.

You all must keep this uppermost in your

mind all during your life.

Pray for soulsnot just of this City... but for souls all over the world. The Blessed Mother needs your co-operation to bring Christ to all souls. It is your sanctification that will help to crush Communism. We must fight harder and faster for Christ now!

This message is so appropriate since this is the Month of the Most Precious Blood. It must be applied to every soul in the entire world. Pray very much for and be mindful of souls during this month of the Precious Blood. Souls in mortal sin, the dying, need your attention, your sacrifices. This way, your life will be an abiding Visitation. This way, you'll feel like real Missionaries.

This month is also the Feast of Our Lady of the Brown Scapular. We should be so grateful to the Blessed Mother for giving us the Brown Scapular. I want you all to be most devoted to the Brown Scapular. (Father then explained the Sabatine Priviledge).

1. Wear the Scapular.
2. Practice Chastity according to your state in life.
3. The additional prayers (commuted by confessor).

Then Father Aloysius said: "I will commute for the members of this Guild this obligation to 7 Our Fathers and 7 Hail Marys and 7 Glory Be's."

At the conclusion of Father's talk, the closing prayers were said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Maria Roth, Pres.

Victoria

Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild

Tuesday Meeting July 19, 1955

The meeting was opened by the usual prayers, Rosary and Litany of the Blessed Mother, and said for Father's special intentions as well as for the intentions of all the Guild members.

The minutes of the Saturday, July 2nd meeting which were taken by Maria in the absence of the secretary, were read. A discussion on the Sabatine Privilege followed, and questions which we brought up were to be asked of Father at our next meeting on August 6th.

The treasurer's report showed \$522.24 cash on hand.

Maria then mentioned that the Guild had a High Mass said by Father Aloysius as our gift for the boys who were received and those newly professed.

To the 12 members who were present, Maria next read the 12 points on Purity of Intention, slowly, so that we could meditate on them.

The balance of the evening, Maria read on "Purity of Heart", from the Book of Abandonment. A few choice thoughts and well to meditate upon are as follows:

"He who would abundantly enjoy all good, has but to purify his heart. Detach himself from all creatures and have complete abandonment to the Will of God. A pure heart is a heart in which God dwells. He guides the abandoned heart in all things, and He knows, though the heart itself doesn't, what is best for it. He reveals to His faithful souls the secrets of his love! All blessings await only love to enrich us."

The closing prayers followed our spiritual reading, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

SATURDAY MEETING AUGUST 6, 1955

Father Aloysius opened the meeting with the prayers to the Holy Ghost, Rosary and Litany of Our Blessed Mother. The reading of the minutes was dispensed with, and the Treasurer's report showed \$423.44 amount of cash on hand and a total of 93 Masses for the month of July.

We were then told that we could gain the Portiuncula Indulgence this day by visiting a church and reciting 6 Our Fathers, Hail Marys, and Glorias for the intention of Our Holy Father. Father Aloysius then told us to have as great as possible a sorrow for having sinned because God is All Good. This is necessary for a full pardon of sin and its punishment. We should have a heart as full with sorrow as St. Mary Magdalene whose heart broke with sorrow. Today, the Feast of The Transfiguration of Our Lord, is a most appropriate day to beg for this Plenary Indulgence. We were then reminded of other Feast of Our Blessed Mother for this month: the 13th -- Feast of the Immaculate Heart as Refuge of Sinners :: so pray for the conversion of sinners; at the moment of death, the most hardened hearts are converted. The Feast of the Assumption, Aug. 15th, and on the 22nd -- Feast of the Immaculate Heart of Mary:: this is the largest confraternity in the world today.... the Immaculate Heart of Mary devotion.

Father Aloysius then began his spiritual talk:

Today, is the Feast of the Transfiguration.....a most symbolic... a most significant feast. We should never forget this.....we should live this feast! St. James and St. John and St. Peter were taken by Our Lord to the summit where Our Lord was transfigured before them....as also Moses and Elias appeared with Him. The apostles fell to the ground and heard Our Lord speaking of His coming Passion. The Divinity of Christ was transfused into His Humanity at the moment of His Transfiguration. He allowed His Humanity to enjoy this glory in order to encourage His Humanity to bear the suffering and passion He was soon to undergo for us. During His Passion, His Divinity was permitted to remain hidden.... it was not brought forth to help Him during His terrible sufferings.

And now, you, dear ladies in the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild, wish to attain this transfiguration for your souls. At first the apostles did not know fully the value of the sufferings of the Cross. But they came to understand it. We, too, like they, must suffer for our sins and punishment to attain our transfiguration. Our Lord wants us to be like Him, and the more He loves us, the heavier He applies the sufferings of the Cross upon us. It is good for us to be here learning of the value of our sufferings.

We are so fortunate in having Our Faith in order to know how to suffer, the purpose of it, to suffer with Christ, to gain our place in heaven. Nothing was missing in Christ's sufferings.....but He wanted us to suffer with Him to make up for what is wanting in His Sacred Passion. With St. Peter let us say, "Lord, it is good for us to be here. If thou wilt, let us set up three tents here, one for thee, one for Moses, and one for Elias."

We must bear any sufferings....go through any sufferings God so wants of us....for our own sins and punishments. In order that we can suffer with Christ in the accompaniment of His Blessed Mother, be as

St. Peter: if during the day we fail, as St. Peter, The Rock, who failed when he denied Christ.....be most sorry and picture St. Peter repenting his betrayal of his beloved Master.....be not disheartened!!
Be as generous as St. James: who was the first one to shed his blood for Christ. Be sure we go all the way for Christ.....see Him in His Transfiguration and be transfigured with Him. As Christ was transfigured on Mt. Tabor.....you all must also strengthen yourselves.....there on Mt. Tabor of the Altar of your daily Mass.....for your trials of the day. This consolation is needed by us to get as much as we can from our Mt. Tabor so that we can be crucified with Christ....die to our sins. Christ carries most of our sufferings! Have recourse to Mt. Tabor in the morning so that we may suffer daily with a happy disposition.
Be as loving as St. John: who was the only apostle who remained faithful to Our Lord.....who understood the great Passion of Our Lord. As St. John accompanied Mary in her sorrows, so must we accompany Mary as we bear our sorrows such as Christ permits or sends to us, so that one day we may enjoy the eternal transfiguration of our souls with Christ in heaven. Cope with the cross or passion we must endure during the day. Ask Our Blessed Mother to help us....to make us faithful and generous in all our sufferings sent to us by Our Lord. The greater the suffering, the greater the reward in heaven. Be other Simons of Cyrene by carrying our crosses.....bearing the Cross of Christ more firmly, more happily.....so that we may enjoy the happiness of the Saints.

Following Father's talk, the closing prayers were said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

SATURDAY MEETING SEPTEMBER 3, 1955

The meeting was opened with the usual prayers, Rosary, and Litany of Our Blessed Mother. New members and guests were introduced. The minutes of the previous meeting were dispensed with. The Treasurer reported \$501.83 amount of cash on hand, and 94 Masses for the month of August. To date, Father Aloysius has said 6 Masses for Theresa Neumann's intentions. All members present were then urged by Maria to attend when possible the Tuesday Night Meetings.....the next one to be Sept. 20th.....at 7:30. These meetings are the 3rd Tues. of ea. month. Next we were reminded of the Feasts of September, after which Father began his talk:

Dear ladies of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Guild:

Continue in these First Saturdays of every month in a spirit of reparation for all the insults against Our Blessed Mother and her Divine Son. In His torments, they also inflicted the seven sorrows on the heart of Our Blessed Mother. To the children of Fatima, Our Blessed Mother told them to set aside these first Saturdays, recite her Rosary, and do penance in reparation to her heart for all the sins of mankind. You are all very privileged in knowing of this message of Fatima..... this message of reparation to the Heart of the Blessed Mother for the sins of this world. You come to this place from great distances, to congregate here to honor, to console the Immaculate Heart, and if possible to take away the crown of thorns from her heart and replace it with a crown of roses.....with your devotion, with your most loyal love. I want you all to feel in leaps and bounds an increase of your love for Our Blessed Mother. She has been called to be loved by all Mankind, but especially by the clients of Our Blessed Mother....as St. John, St. Anthony Mary Claret, and others. You all, of this privileged guild, of which I think more of as time goes by,.....you are called to be true Claretians.....other St. Johns of the Evangelist.... who stayed close to Our Blessed Mother from the moment at the Foot of the Cross. He, was the privileged chaplain of Our Blessed Mother..... was the provider of Our Blessed Mother.....he took the place of Jesus at the side of Our Blessed Mother.

She must be to us, not just Our Lady.....or under any other title, but OUR BLESSED MOTHER. "Behold Thy Mother".....at Christ's invitation to love His Mother as our own mother.....to partake of His greatest possession....after that of His Father in Heaven.....His Blessed Mother. It is our vocation as Claretians....as members of the Claretian Guild....to reflect the spirit of the Claretians, in particular in the love of Our Blessed Mother. They are sons of the Heart of Mary.....you are daughters of the Heart of Mary. Continue in your love for her, to bring others to her, by making her known to others. Continue in your missionary work to make others come to her....to change pagan Los Angeles and bring her message and love to all..... transforming this City back to her that her heart may reign therein.

This month, on the 8th, we celebrate the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Mother. Your birthday is the day of days. When you are greeted by a birthday salutation or gifts, this is but a faint manifestation of all their love for you. They can never repay you for what

you, as mothers, have done for them. And only in heaven shall we come to realize how very much Our Blessed Mother has done for us: keeping us Catholic.....in our Faith.....free from harm and accidents....and much more in soul than in body, how she has kept our souls from hell. She has done so much for us! We have so much to thank her for. You understand, as mothers, who do so much for your children.....so much more,.....imminently more, is the love in the Heart of Our Blessed Mother. On this day, the 8th, not only say "Happy Birthday" to her upon awaking in the morning; but also all your family sing "Happy Birthday" to her before her statue or picture.....with extreme simplicity and filial devotion. We present gifts to our earthly mothers....to show our devotion to them....an expression of a most genuine love for our mothers. So we must prepare a gift to present to Our Blessed Mother. A gift most costly to her. The best gift we could present to Our Blessed Mother on a day like this, is by being most Christlike. Present a gift of Charity of your entire day. (Father then dwelt on the practice of Charity in thought, word, and deed.) He also gave us an example of St. John, who was schooled in the house of Our Blessed Mother; and when he came to the end of his life.....he the most wise of all the apostleshe the eagle penetrating heaven.....gave a most short sermon: "Little children, love one another!" He knew the hearts of Jesus and Mary better than any other; he knew all the secrets any man could know; and he wrote the Apocalypse.....yet he abridged all he had to say in these few words: "Little children, love one another!"

Others, may practice patience and humility in their daily trials. These trials are presented or permitted by God for our good. See His Will in all the things of the day.....with calmness....with graciousness. Our Lord and the Blessed Mother will reward us with tremendous moral good for our families.

September 12th, is the Feast of the Holy Name of Mary: How many times we have pronounced this name! How many times this name has been as an atomic bomb to Satan and his evil spirits!! The pronouncing of this very name of Mary has done much....and it was the cause of the triumph of the Christians being freed from the Barbarians. We should pronounce this holy name often: "Jesus and Mary!" "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, I give thee my heart and my soul; Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me in my last agony." "Holy Mary, pray for us!" "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death." Pronounce her name as a protection for our husbands and families against the power of Satan.

September 15th, is the Feast of the Seven Sorrows: as we thank our earthly mothers for all the sorrows they have born for us.....so much more should we thank the Heart of Our Blessed Mother again and again for all she has done for us.....this heart...the greatest of all hearts.....par excellence!! The heart of a woman craves thanks....and she the greatest of all, craves our thanks. She has gone all out for us in the sorrows of her Divine Son. She suffered so much for me, for you. Thank her for all she has gone through for us. We have been so heartless. You, called to be next to the heart of St. John the Evangelist, cultivate a love for Her Immaculate Heart!

September 24th, is the Feast of Our Lady of Mercy.....also known as the Feast of Our Lady of Ransom. She appeared to St. Peter of Nolasco and St. Raymond of Pennafort, as also to James, King of Arragon. It was through these saints that the Order of Our Lady of Mercy had its beginning. Our Blessed Mother wanted to do what she could for these captives of the Mohammedans. So many lost their Faith while in captivity. She wanted them to be freed....and it was through her, that they were freed. How much a soul means to Our Blessed Mother! How merciful she is! How she understands the Heart of Her Divine Son! She appreciates the value of a soul. We should often recite the prayer wherein we

say....."Mother of Mercy, Our life, our sweetness, and our hope!"
It is not necessary that people would be under the Mohammedan rule now..
....but worse, captives of the devil through mortal sin!!.....bound to
hell!! Offer yourselves to Our Blessed Mother, to rescue souls from
the claws of the devil. Offer things we do.....our very selves....to
bring souls to her. Pronounce the names of Jesus and Mary often.
"Jesus, Mary, I love you.....save souls." Use all possible means to
bring souls.....save souls. In this, all mercy will be yours. Holy
Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our
death. Amen.

Following Father's talk, the closing prayers were said and the
meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

Victoria

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

SATURDAY MEETING

OCTOBER 1, 1955

The meeting was opened by the business part of our meeting. New and old members were welcomed by Maria. The Treasurer reported \$537.80 amount of cash on hand; and a total of 86 Masses for the month of September. The minutes of the previous month's meeting were read. Prayer intentions were mentioned to the members, after which Father Aloysius led us in prayers to The Holy Ghost, Rosary and Litany of Our Blessed Mother.

Our president, Maria, then asked the members to remember Helen Kavanagh's Wedding Anniversary on the 3rd....also the Feast of St. Therese the Little Flower.....as our token of thanks to her for her turning over her home to our Guild for our meetings.

Father Aloysius opened his spiritual talk by asking us all to increase in our love for Our Blessed Mother. This is the month of the Holy Rosary, we should make worthy recitations of the Rosary.....and apply the Mysteries of the Rosary to our very lives.....that our homes be the re-enactment of the lives of Jesus and Mary. Be inspired by the Holy Spirit in the secrets of Their lives and with great joy, demonstrate our love for Our Blessed Mother in this her favorite devotion, the Rosary.

Father continued: Where the Holy Rosary is said, we need not be afraidfor Jesus and Mary are there. Our Blessed Mother, as Our Lady of Grace, pouring Her love down upon us.....making our month of October a time of sunshine...of great happiness...for us. In the Rosary, we go through the complete life of Jesus with Our Blessed Mother.....from the moment of the Incarnation to Her Assumption. We see the virtues, internal dispositions, privileges, graces, sanctity, and prerogatives of Our Blessed Mother in our meditations on the Holy Rosary. Our greatest joy in heaven, will be our devotion to Her here on earth. Be as enthusiastic in the recitation of the Rosary as the Saints were. Be completely lost in the mysteries of Jesus and Mary.

Father Aloysius then explained the twofold purpose of the Holy Rosary and how it is incomplete, unless we join mentally in reciting the prayers which consist of:

1st....the Our Father.....the prayer composed by and given to us by Our Lord, Himself.

2nd....the Hail Mary.....which was a) the salutation of the Angel; b) the words of St. Elizabeth; and c) the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to the people who, when with one accord said, "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death."

3rd....The Gloria.....wherein we proclaim the most Holy Trinity.

The word Rosary, means Rose.....a symbol of love. Be as

roses to Jesus and Mary....full of love for them. Be a most perfect rose....a mystical rose encircling the Immaculate Heart of Our Blessed Mother. We, in our unworthiness, have been called.....chosen by God.....to make up this garland of roses to adorn the Heart of Our Blessed Mother.

Father concluded his talk by saying: Ask Our Lord for the realization....more keen than ever.....of what Divine Love means in our lives. May your life, from now on, be a single act of love for Jesus and Mary in reliving the Rosary.....Their lives.....loving God for His Own Infinite Goodness.....and our brethren, because they are actual or potential members of Christ....the Whole Christ. Transform all into a pure love of God.....make our whole life ONE single act of love!! In this way, our life will become one perennial banquet of God's Love.....God's Joys.....for us!!

The closing prayers were said, and the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

204

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

SATURDAY MEETING NOVEMBER 5, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Blessed Mother. After the prayers, Maria greeted all the members and welcomed all the prospective members present. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and a correction was made regarding the Council of Ephesus and the composing of the third part of the Hail Mary. The treasurer reported \$522.05 the amount of cash on hand and a total of 74 Masses for the month of October.

Maria then read and explained to the members of the Guild the Intentions For Perpetual Masses and the enrollment in these Masses. She explained the benefits which are bestowed upon not only those enrolled, but also upon those who do the enrolling. Maria also spoke of the book Father wants us all to study and read, called, "Jesus Appeals to the World". Upon Father's request, she then read from page 12 of the book:

"This doctrine or way of love may be summed up in the following three points which are the nucleus of Our Lord's instructions to Sister Consolata:

1. To offer an unceasing act of love from the heart,
2. To have a smiling "yes" for everyone, to see and treat Jesus in everyone,
3. To have a grateful "yes" for everything (for every divine request).

Then, Maria read a passage from page 119 upon which Father then based his spiritual talk of the day:

"If a creature of good will desires to love Me and to make of her life one single act of love from the moment of her rising until she falls asleep at night -- from the heart, be it well understood -- then I will perform incredible things for that soul. Write that down!"

This means great correspondence to Divine Grace. It means that one is filled with great eagerness of fulfilling the First Commandment! This is the same command that God gave to Moses. If a soul observes this first commandment, most faithfully, God will not deny that soul anything. God is allowing that soul to be formed into a saint. The Sanctifying Grace is in us --- a share of God's Own Nature infused into our souls --- making our souls divine. The soul is so agreeable to God, God cannot help but do things for that soul. Sanctifying Grace needs responsiveness within us. We make of our lives an uninterrupted act of Divine Love to Almighty God. As creatures of God --- as sharers of His Divine Nature through Sanctifying Grace, the Holy Ghost --- The Golden Blacksmith --- is molding each of our lives into other Christs. Our purpose on earth is nothing else but that we grow to the full maturity of Christ --- become other Christs.

We should realize our own weakness and God will illuminate

us day to day and give us a greater insight of our daily life. In this way, we come closer to God and see ourselves more ugly --- our defects become more prominent the nearer we come to the "Light". This is a good sign --- being able to see even our smallest faults and their ugliness.

Father then spoke on the importance of making very sincere confessions, and realizing our own frailty:

Have a keen realization that when we go to confession we are going to Christ. Go with great sorrow! No matter how great our sins have been, go to Him with the dispositions of Mary Magdalene and receive from Him the same degree of forgiveness as He had for her and rise from His feet as Mary Magdalene did. Propose to be better. Each time we fail during the day, go to Him with sincerity and ask His forgiveness.....kiss His feet.....and promise to begin again. Do not be disheartened. You are illuminated so you can see your faults. As long as we persevere in our struggle, we will always advance in holiness.

Feel a great family life in our spiritual life with Our Blessed Lord and His Blessed Mother, and the Saints. Begin your heaven on earth. Just as God stressed in the First Commandment: "Love the Lord Thy God with thy whole heart, and with thy whole soul, and with all thy strength....."

To Sister Conselata Betrone.....these words of Our Lord to love Him, were of the same meaning....only of different words...of telling her to love Him.

Father Aloysius then gave a quick resumé of his spiritual talk:

Regret your faults immediately time and again and resolve to start over again.

Be cheerful at all times.

As you deserve punishment when you fail, so also you deserve great grace when you regret your faults. It is God's grace which helps us regret our faults!

Make many acts of love during the day and say: "I love you, my God, with my whole heart, my whole soul, with all my mind, with all my strength!"

Believe in the goodness of God, Our Father. He wants our salvation. Even if our sins are innumerable, they can be washed as white as snow if we regret them and repent them wholeheartedly and wash them with our tears.

Christ has appeared to so many saints with His message of His Mercy and of His Love. We can never understand.....because of our unworthiness.....that this is for us. But this message is for us provided we are willing to mend our ways.

Believe in His FULL pardon to us and then LOVE HIM!! As long as you regret your faults, your soul is very much alive and you are heading towards sanctity.

From day to day become more and more determined to fulfill the First Commandment. And the Second is like unto this: "Love of your neighbor." We are sons and daughters of the Blessed Mother; we are all called to the same heaven; we are all the children of the same God the Father in heaven. See God in all persons....in all things. Your daily chores are your duties to God....do all things the best you can for the pure love of God.

CORRECTION of the minutes of Oct. 1st, 1955 meeting:

Regarding the composing of the 3rd part of the prayer, the Hail Mary:

The Council of Ephesus was held by the Fathers of the Church to deny the heresy that the Blessed Virgin Mary was not the Mother of God.....when the Fathers came out at the conclusion, to give their decision, the people outside, before hearing the decision, inspired by the Holy Ghost, proclaimed with one accord: "Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death."

And SMILE.....this is the joy...."a fruit"....of the Holy Spirit.

At the conclusion of Father's spiritual talk, the closing prayers were said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY GUILD

SATURDAY MEETING DECEMBER 3, 1955

The meeting was opened by the recitation of the Rosary and Litany of Our Blessed Mother and various prayers led by our spiritual director, Father Aloysius. The minutes of the November meeting were read. The treasurer reported \$612.85 amount of cash on hand; 96 Masses for the month of November; and a total of 9 High Masses to date, for Theresa Neumann.

Maria brought to our attention newly printed sheets on which had been compiled all the guild intentions, indulgences, aim, and purposes of the guild.

Before Father began his spiritual talk, he asked the guild members who had known Mary Magdalene Dowd, or those who came to know her during her illness, to say a few words. We were all told how we could avail ourselves of her good example. Her soul was prepared so beautifully.....and how she kept repeating: "Jesus, Mary, save souls.......right now!" She left a great impression with us. We should do the same.....there is so much indifference in the world!

Father said he believes Our Blessed Lord permitted her to remain an extra week in the hospital so that others could benefit by her prayers and example. Also....in that she was in a non-catholic hospital....her example and piety was to show others who are not of our Faith. She also showed us we should persevere in prayer as she did... for many years, for her family. Because of our prayers, Our Blessed Mother will see to it that those we pray for are saved. Mary Magdalene Dowd had a very child-like piety. She was very devout. She professed her devotion and piety to Our Blessed Mother without any human respect present. She was a great client of the Holy Rosary.....giving great quantities of them...of which she made....to Father for distribution. Our Lord permitted us to see all the beauty of her soul while she lay sick in Good Samaritan Hospital. Though for a little while she was at unrest regarding her illness of cancer, she finally became resigned to it; and through her great devotion, the beauty of her virtues was shown. (Maria explained that perhaps this seemingly restless attitude regarding her illness, was more a desire to shun attention and to suffer for souls unknowingly to others.)

Father Aloysius then added: we can learn a lesson from her.... how we need all the virtues we can gain during life.....we need God's help....and the prayers of others.....to sustain us during our last illness so we will not become despondent but resign ourselves to the Divine Will....."Thy Will be done on earth as it is in heaven." She accepted her illness as expiation of her own sins and help for others. Our resignation at that time is of more worth than a lifetime of good actions. Be resigned to any kind of death God may send us. Because it is the goodness of God that we can at this time suffer tribulations for ourselves and others....to shorten our stay in purgatory. We shall all, one day, come to the eternal embrace of His heavenly bliss.

Father then spoke of the season of Advent: that we prepare ourselves for the coming of Christ. Since this Guild is consecrated to Our Blessed Mother....dedicated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary...we are all children of Our Blessed Mother under the patronage of St. John

the Evangelist. We are very close to Our Blessed Mother. As we are loving, sharing the spirit of St. John the Evangelist, we must enjoy the devotion to Our Blessed Mother. Our Lord, from the cross, said: "Behold thy son; son, behold thy Mother." In a spirit of sonship with Our Blessed Mother, the Claretains, as children of Our Blessed Mother are completely dependent upon her. Be completely consecrated to Our Blessed Mother forever! Say: "All my things are yours, Oh Blessed Mother. Do with me what you please. I belong to you."

Our consecration should be in four parts:

1. To do everything through the heart of Our Blessed Mother.
2. To do all things with the heart of Our Blessed Mother.
3. To do all things for the heart of Our Blessed Mother.
4. To do all things in the heart of Our Blessed Mother.

I want you all, you who are so privileged in counting a soul already in heaven....Mary Magdalene Dowd....never be without our Blessed Mother.....never leave her.....have perfect surrender..perfect consecration to her.

Father then began to speak in detail of each part of consecration:

1. All comes to us through Mary. God sends all things to us through Mary. Christ came to us, through Mary. Go to God the Father, through Mary. Mary, the Mediatrix. Mary, the channel of all graces. We poor sinners.....our prayers with distractions.....our merits so poor.

The Blessed Mother will present our gifts to Almighty God for us and He will accept them from her. He cannot refuse her anything. With her mighty intercession, she will obtain things for us. Practice what is soon to become a dogma of our Faith: Mary, Mediatrix of all graces. Go to her and ask of her for our needs. Do this with a spirit of great love for Our Blessed Mother. Have great confidence in her. On the First Saturdays, the Claretains all over the world say the Mass of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. The Introit of the Mass reads: "Let us go with great confidence to the throne of grace in order to obtain mercy and that we might find in her the help we may need in every circumstance of our life." She....the throne. God sat upon her knee and she was His throne!!

2. In our spiritual life, if we are th Our Blessed Mother, we need not be afraid of anything....anyone. Never lose sight of her. Travel with her....she travels with us. We feel great insecurity in life.....but more so at the hour of our death. We need the Blessed Mother, who is our life, our sweetness, and our hope! Have an uninterrupted prayer to Our Blessed Mother. Have her constantly in our minds.....before our eyes.....in our hearts.

Out of the 33 years of His life, Our Lord spent 30 years with His Mother. And at the last hours on His cross, His great consolation was His Blessed Mother there. Pray that Our Blessed Mother, with Jesus, will be with us at our last hour. Pray to St. Joseph, who was so privileged....and is the patron of the dying.

When we are in the company of Our Blessed Mother, it means she is always with us. This makes us act with great propriety. Have a constant understanding of Our Blessed Mother....with two hearts throbbing together....and with Jesus.....and say the prayer often: "Jesus, Mary, save souls." Have the affection of children for Our Blessed Mother.

Time running out, Father will continue at the next meeting.

Before the closing prayers, Father added a few words:

We are here to console Our Blessed Mother because of the outrages caused by the sins of mankind. You are here to show your devotion to Our Blessed Mother. You are from all over....congregated here....to imitate Him in His great love for Our Blessed Mother. Your souls are very dear to God and Our Blessed Mother. Have the greatest confidence in Our Blessed Mother. The fact you come is a fact you love Our Blessed Mother....you want to please God. This season of Advent, you should want to bring souls close to Christ. Your main preoccupation, after your obligations, desire souls all over the world for God..... gain souls for all eternity.

The closing prayers were said and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Victoria Wyss, Sec'y.